

CODE ENFORCEMENTCASE NOTES

SITE VISION ON JUNE 6, 2020

718 TILTON AVE

6/6/2020 I, Christine Civiletti, Code Enforcement Manager for the City of San Mateo, responded to 718 Tilton Ave at the request of Building Official, Titsworth and Deputy Fire Marshal, Henderson due to unsafe/substandard living conditions that had been discovered by Fire Inspector Zambrana while he was responding to a call regarding possible electrical fire at the residence. I immediately reviewed EnerGov for contact information associated with the property owner and I found a phone number and attempted to contact. I left a voice mail alerting the po to the urgent situation at his property and requested a call back ASAP. NARAIN SHIU & CHANDRA 6507595250

When I arrived at the site I was escorted to the rear yard by FI Zambrana who directed me to an open basement hatch. I went down the stairs into the basement and observed that makeshift walls had been erected coordinating off 4 separate areas that were being used as living/sleeping areas. Each area had clothing items, mats or mattress for sleeping, food items, toiletries, and other items consistent with use as residential habitation. While I was inspecting the basement, tenants were coming and going into these rooms and identified them to me as the rooms they are renting. One tenant went into one of the makeshift rooms located in the rear portion of the basement (rear meaning furthest away from the basement entry hatch) and shut the door that was installed as the entry door to that room. I knocked and advised her to please step out due to the ongoing electrical hazard as PG&E had not removed the meter yet. The tenant advised me she was getting dressed. Another of the makeshift rooms that appeared to have children occupying the space, also housed the fuel burning appliances: 1) water heater and 2) furnace. The basement was dark and damp, there are no sanitation or cooking facilities, no emergency egress in the sleeping areas, multiple extension cords used to provide electricity to each makeshift room.

In the rear yard, I observed two accessory structures which were being used for habitation, one of the structures was occupied a single adult male and the other was occupied by one adult female and one mail child (mother & son). These structures had no sanitation or cooking facilities and both had electrical extension cords supplying electricity. I observed, sleeping mats/mattresses, clothing, toiletries, microwave, food and other items consistent with use as residential habitation.

The garage was being used for habitation however, no alterations had been made, and was occupied by 2 adult males, 1 adult female, and 1 female child. They identified themselves to me as one one family and one single adult male that were renting the garage. The garage has no sanitation or cooking facilities. I observed sleeping mats/mattresses, clothing, toiletries, food items, and other items consistent with use as residential habitation.

Shortly after I completed inspecting the property Mr. Narian (PO) and his son Praveen Narian arrived. I asked them if they were aware that people were living in the basement, garage, and shed's on the property. PO responded that he had no idea however, son, Praveen stated that he had been to the property earlier in the year and told the tenants that they had to leave. He said that he had sent them a written eviction which I asked to see however, he did not produce the document. Praveen later said that he was waiting until after COVID to evict the tenants and then he revised the time line that he had

observed the living conditions to say that he had been to the property sometime in November or December 2019 but had not evicted the tenants due to COVID. The PO added that he had previously told the master tenant Nidia to "get these people off of his property" and that it was "her responsibility and not his", I asked him when he had said that to her and he said "sometime in January". Both the PO and his son said that Nida was the lease holder however, she does not reside there. Praveen (Son) stated that he visits this property monthly and inspects both the interior and the exterior.

The master tenant Nidia Lanton is a Spanish speaker, and was interviewed by Fire Investigator Michael Zambrana that interview is noted in SMCDFD Fire Investigation Report attached in the documents section of this case.

Many photos taken however unable to upload into EnerGov. They are stored on the Q and One Drives.